



Mrs. Myrtle Earlene Bowden

July 8, 1948 - April 6, 2023

Myrtle Earlene Ladnier Bowden, 74, of Grand Bay, AL, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, April 6, 2023. She is preceded in death by her parents Vivian and John M. (Dub) Ladnier Sr. and half-brother Dalton Ladnier.

Myrtle was a faithful member of Friendship Baptist Church in Grand Bay, AL. She retired from the Mobile County Public School System after 30 years of service. She enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Myrtle was a wedding planner, coordinator and flower designer. She was a kind, warm-hearted woman who would do anything for anyone. Throughout her life, Myrtle was involved in numerous church activities including the bus ministry at Friendship, director of Vacation Bible School, Ladies Helping Hands ministry, and devout Sunday School teacher. She loved the Lord and demonstrated His love through serving others.

She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Samuel Allen Bowden Sr., sister Cecil (Warren) Guidry, brother John M. (Teresa) Ladnier Jr.; her children Dana (Dave) Childress, Samuel A. (Jennifer) Bowden, and Tiffany Fox; her 6 grandchildren Shea Collier, Todd Blackmon, Carleigh Bowden, Alivia Fox, Cade Bowden, and Peyton Fox; her great-grandchildren Ava Collier, Barrett Blackmon, Max Collier, Emi Kate Collier, and Cullen Blackmon along with numerous other relatives and friends.

The visitation will be held on Friday, April 7, 2023, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Both will be held at Friendship Baptist Church in Grand Bay, AL. Interment will be at Grand Bay Cemetery. John Warren Guidry, Joey Guidry, John M. Ladnier III, Scotty Bowden, Todd Blackmon, and Cade Bowden will be serving as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mission of Hope, Mobile, AL or Ladies Helping Hands, Friendship Baptist Church.

Let Your Faith Be Bigger Than Your Fear- Hebrews 13:6

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Friendship Baptist Church
12581 Saeger Rd
Grand Bay, AL 36541-5743
(251) 445-5412

Service

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

APR 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM.

Grand Bay Cemetery
Grand Bay, AL

Tribute Wall

KH

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Bowden family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Kelvin, Paulette and Emily Holley - April 21, 2023 at 07:30 PM

JS

“ *To say that Mrs Myrtle was a wonderful woman would be an understatement. She was my bus driver for school but she always had life advice. She was always trying to steer us kids in the right direction and teaching us to be better humans. I am keeping y'all in my thoughts and prayers today.*

Jennifer Sullivan - April 08, 2023 at 11:17 AM

LH

“ *From the time I stepped in FBC as a child I knew who Ms. Myrtle was. She became a part of my life and family. So many wonderful memories from church, playing softball, her driving the bus at MOCO, and family events. So much love and respect for you and your family. Heaven gained one of the BEST!*

Laniese Glass Howard - April 08, 2023 at 07:55 AM

DS

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family .Mrs Myrtle was a inspiration to everyone she meet .*

Daniell Striplin - April 08, 2023 at 05:55 AM

PL

“ I was so sorry to hear about Myrtle's passing. She was a sweet person who seemed to enjoy life. Our sympathy and prayers my husband & I extend to her family. She is now in the presence of her Dear Lord and Savior. May God be with you all until you meet again! Penny and George Lewis.

Penny Moore Lewis - April 07, 2023 at 10:34 PM

DW

“ To Myrtle's entire family:
Myrtle has been a dear friend, prayer partner, and encourager to me for 30+ years. Even during her own struggles, she was such a cheerleader, encourager, and prayer warrior for my mom Sue and me as they both fought so valiantly to beat this cancer. Myrtle knew how to have fun as well and we often got in trouble with Kerry (and later Jeanette) for “cutting up and talking on the back row of sopranos” in choir practice! Myrtle had a compassionate servant's heart, and she loved her Lord, family, and friends with every fiber of her being. I am grateful to have had such a sister in Christ. While it does not lessen my pain of missing Mom and Myrtle, I am comforted by the fact that I know they are in the presence of Jesus. They are healed and are no longer in pain. Please know that I am praying God will bless each of you with peace, comfort, rest, and strength as you walk through this valley together. Stand firm in your faith. I have learned It won't make you miss Myrtle any less, but it will make this grief a little easier to bear if you depend on HIS strength and not your own.

“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.” Isaiah 41:10.

Much love to all of you! Deanna Wetterer

Deanna Wetterer - April 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM

LW

I am sorry I couldn't make the service because I have been sick. I am so sorry for the loss of Ms. Myrtle. She was a wonderful person with a big heart and lots of love in her heart. She will be greatly missed by many.

*With lots of prayers and love for the family.
Lynn Workman*

Lynn Workman - April 08, 2023 at 10:46 PM